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MEMORANDUM FOR:



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SUBJECT : NSC Under Secretaries Committee Memorandum
on Military Presence in Certain Overseas
Locations

1. Attached is a package from Jack Iams, the Comptroller, which should be essentially self-explanatory. I would appreciate it if both of you would look at this package since there are recommendations in the proposed memorandum for the President and in some of the State and DOD comments thereon which affect your areas.



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3. In talking to the Comptroller's office, I took the line that although we should not be the primary action office on such business, we did have an interest in it and would like to be able to comment when we felt it appropriate before any Agency or DCI views were set in concrete or formally transmitted to the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. Since the time fuse on this particular package is short, I would appreciate receiving your comments as soon as possible.



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George A. Carver, Jr.
Deputy for National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Officers

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1. Attached is a copy of a Memorandum for the President prepared by the Staff Director of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee and sent to CIA for comment or concurrence. Because the basic question has to do with Overseas Presence, the memorandum was referred to this Office where the central Agency's responsibility for Overseas Presence matters resides.

2. In October 1973 a earlier and simpler version of this memorandum was sent to us for comment. A fully coordinated paper, it raised no substantive issues and its review was limited to considerations of possible impact on Agency Overseas Presence. The earlier version (Executive Registry 73-6679) received telephonic coordination on 6 November 1973.

3. The revised memorandum is not an uncoordinated paper, as you will see, and in the differing views of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Department of State, and the Office of Management and Budget, several substantive matters are raised which would appear to deserve the attention of the National Intelligence Officers concerned. In addition, the differences between the several commentators suggest the possibility of debate at any meeting of the Under Secretaries Committee at which this matter comes up, and we have to consider whether the DCI needs to be alerted to the possibility that he might be drawn into this debate. On both these counts the matter seems one worthy of your attention although, of course, we are prepared to convey your comments to the Department of State through the channels suggested in the transmittal memorandum.

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4. Regrettably, the Department has given us an impossibly short deadline, seeking an answer by the close of business Monday, 21 January. Our OPRED Officer, [redacted] has requested an extension of that deadline but has not yet been advised extension is possible. He will advise you as soon as he has some word on this.

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5. We will be grateful if you will review the attached and confirm the appropriateness of its further handling by your NIO's. [redacted] can be your point of contact in this Office. I should

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Comptroller

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